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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a Form PTO-1449 citing information of which applicants are aware, which applicants believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement:

- (a) ☒ [X] accompanies the new patent application transmittal submitted herewith. 37 CFR § 1.97(a).
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